

March 1999 Newsletter

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Greetings and Salutations!

...which may be a little pompous, but say it out loud (go ahead, only you are listening) and you feel welcomed. And we are all assured of a warm welcome and an excellent meeting on Monday night, March 15th, 7:30 at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church, for a terrific oil painting demo by Arville Pustrom. Program Chairwoman Debbie Tintle tells us that Arville will be painting a seascape. Arville is a multi-award winning artist and those of us who have seen her demo will be delighted to see what she's concocting this time. You haven't seen Arville paint yet? Don't miss this session!

Debbie Hughes is our Bus Trip Chairwoman and the Big Apple Trip plans have been finalized. Saturday, April 17, we meet at the bus in the Somerset County Library upper parking lot (near the Vo-Tech School), at 8:45 am. A comfortable ride brings us to the Metropolitan Museum of Art about 10, where we can enjoy, among the Met's regular treasures, special shows on Native American art and Asian art (including new work from Korea). You can eat at the Met if you wish. The bus picks us up there at 2:30 and takes us downtown to the Salmagundi Club where the annual American Watercolor Society Show will be. At 5 the bus leaves promptly from the Salmagundi and we are back in Bridgewater by 6. The cost for all this delight is only \$21. Please send a check made out to RVAA to Debbie Hughes, 55 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, 08807. Yes, you can certainly bring guests. You will want to hurry, however; there are only 48 seats on the bus. Don't miss your bite of the Big Apple! Questions? Debbie's at 908/725-4639.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

KEN BERNHARD had a one man show at the Ocean County Library in Lavallette, N.J. in November and December. Last summer in Lavallette he won Best of Marine Art at the annual Outdoor Art Show, and he sold ten paintings in three shows.

ELZA DIMA won the St. Cuthberts Paper Award at the annual Essex Watercolor Club's Art Show at the Library of the Chathams in February for her work "Still Life with Lace"

ED GOLUBIEWSKI is kept busy painting onion-domed churches in the

immediate area (Bound Brook, Bridgewater, Manville), which are usually Russian Orthodox.

CONNIE GRAY and DIANA PATTON will each have watercolor shows in the Upstairs Galleries of The 1860 House in April. At this very same time, the Garden State Watercolor Society, in conjunction with the Poets Society of Southern New Jersey, will have its annual members' show there. You are very welcome to "hit" the Opening Receptions of all three shows at once from 2-4 on Saturday, April 3. As well as paintings, there will be poetry readings in the Downstairs Gallery. (and photography by Darlene Prestbo) The shows run through the 30th, demos on Saturdays. The 1860 House is on Montgomery Road, just off Rt. 206 South.

ELSA HERRMANN had her work included in the Coryell Gallery in Lambertville for the Historical Society Juried Show, and is in the AAPL-NJ Juried Show at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

JOAN MCKINNEY won an AAPL-NJ Merit Award for her work "Soft Light of Cape May" at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

DIANA PATTON won the Cheap Joe's Award at the Essex Watercolor Club's annual Members' Show at the Library of the Chathams for "Garden Retreat".

NINA TRIPPANERA wants us all to know that at ART'S ART STUDIO (Nina's Dad, whom we all knew and liked a lot) there are paintings, furniture, and gifts for sale. Please call Nina at 908/725/3966, "in honor and thanks for Arthur J. Trippanera."

As a member of the Hunterdon Watercolor Society (as well as RVAA) DORIS TERRIS (their Publicity Chairwoman) announces that the society's members will be exhibiting at the Stover Mill Gallery, 852 River Road, Route 32, Erwinna, PA, April 3-April 25. The reception is Sunday, April 11th, from 1 to 5 pm. Gallery hours are Sat. and Sundays 1-5. Please phone the gallery 610/292-9420, and for info on membership in HWS please phone 908/735-5573 or 908/996-6640.

At the American Artists Professional League's juried Members' Show at the Paper Mill Playhouse, which runs through April 4th, RVAA is well-represented. Elza Dima, Anne Hand, Elsa Herrmann, Joan McKinney, Debbie Tintle, Sonja Weir, Frank Zuccarelli, and Diana Patton are all in this multimedia show. Hours are before and during each performance, as well as Friday afternoons, noon until three.

Opening March 1 with a reception March 7th the Bridgewater Committee on the Creative Arts announces its month-long show at the Bridgewater Municipal Building, Garretson Road, Bridgewater. Normally several RVAA members have paintings in this multimedia show (79 works last year), and next month I'll know who these members are. Meanwhile, you might want to catch it.

(this editor can remember a time when March was a slow art month--HA!)

And so, on a windy, cold, wet day, March is preparing to come in like a lion. I'm looking forward to the lamb! Keep the news coming, folks, make my day!